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Application Number <b>10/666,817</b>		Filed <b>September 17, 2003</b>
For <b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MESSAGE COMMUNICATION</b>		
Art Unit <b>3621</b>		Examiner <b>Firmin BACKER</b>

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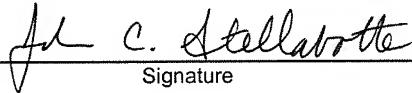
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**PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Appellant filed his notice of appeal on October 18, 2006. The shortened statutory period for filing the appeal brief expired on December 18, 2007. Applicant therefore requests a four (4)-month extension of time, extending the time for filing an appeal brief from December 18, 2007 to April 18, 2007. An Appeal Brief accompanies this Petition.

Please charge the fee of \$1590.00 for the extension of time and any other necessary LARGE ENTITY fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2500 of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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